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Initial Game

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

All the answers in this game consist of two-word names or phrases that begin with the initials **GM**.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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1. This Tennessee Williams's play, possibly his best-known, is set in the 1930s St. Louis apartment of the Wingfield family. The play was originally called *The Gentleman Caller*.
2. Between 2000 and 2016, Michael Phelps earned 23 of these.
3. Known for painting simple rural scenes, this American folk artist began her painting career in her 70's after abandoning a career in embroidery because of arthritis.
4. Often used as a slang term for the brain as a whole, it is actually a major component of the central nervous system.
5. Slang term for a car mechanic.
6. Mount Mansfield and Killington Peak are the highest points of this Vermont range.
7. He tried to get guests to say the "secret word" for eleven years on NBC.
8. The success of the 1956 novel *Peyton Place* was this author's ticket out of squalor and poverty in New Hampshire.
9. Slang term for an FBI agent.
10. She was the 4th Prime Minister of Israel (1969 to 1974).
11. This destructive insect has destroyed millions of acres of hardwood trees since its accidental introduction to North America in the 1860's.
12. It's the common name for Rubella, a disease first described by German chemist and physician Friedrich Hoffmann in the early 1700's.
13. While traveling to entertain U.S. troops in France during World War II, this bandleader's plane disappeared in bad weather and his body was never found.
14. A French liqueur, it's made from a blend of true cognacs and distilled essence of bitter orange.
15. William C. Durant formed this company by buying up the Buick Motor Company in 1904, and shortly thereafter he bought the Olds Motor Works, Cadillac, and other car companies.

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ANSWERS

1. *The Glass Menagerie*
2. Gold Medals. Phelps is an Olympic swimmer who has earned 28 Olympic medals in all, 23 of which are gold. More than any other Olympian in history.
3. Grandma Moses
4. Gray Matter
5. Grease Monkey
6. Green Mountains
7. Groucho Marx
8. Grace Metalious
9. G-Man (The G stands for Government.)
10. Golda Meir
11. Gypsy Moth
12. German Measles
13. Glenn Miller
14. Grand Marnier
15. General Motors